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Tabor Students Help "Enrich" at Sippican

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

While many district schools are struggling to meet the state standards in MCAS, the Sippican School 2009 MCAS scores showed a satisfactory growth curve above the state average, leading the school to collect data from comparable districts to see how they rate against their socio-economic peers, like Cohasset and Sandwich school systems. Although the school is proud of their collective progress, they want to see the growth curve continue, and part of that growth is promoted with two projects: tutoring from Tabor students, and the "enrichment wheel".

The "enrichment wheel" was Interim Principal Lyn Rivet's idea. In the enrichment wheel (also referred to as the "flex wheel"), students are broken up into small groups of 5 or 6 and are rotated among different staff to expand their knowledge of various subjects. Among the teachers students visit are Enrichment Teacher Stacey Soucy for math, Erin Sullivan for art, and most recently, the students have been receiving media presentations at the school library.

The enrichment wheel gives the opportunity to reinforce core concepts like reading and "number sense" (basic mathematical operations) to struggling students, but it also gives the chance to let advanced students really expand their knowledge with some one-on-one exploration of the subjects they love in a way that perhaps wouldn't happen in a full classroom. Enrichment teacher Ms. Soucy says that the Wheel is in its "pilot year," but she praises the model saying that it "gives extra support in smaller group settings" to students at all levels.

The enrichment wheel also gives insight to the teachers, revealing what topics their students are struggling in, and gives teachers the opportunity to reinforce concepts to students before the student actually falls behind.

Another opportunity that has been keeping Sippican students at the head of the class is an arrangement with Tabor Academy students.

Elizabeth Leary, director of the tutoring program at Tabor Academy, says that the 48 Tabor students in this fall's tutoring program "really enjoy" helping grade school students. The Tabor students have to give up a free block to tutor, "and they could be sleeping in," Ms. Leary laughed.

Tabor students wake up extra early to tutor Sippican School grade 3-6 students on Monday, Tuesday,



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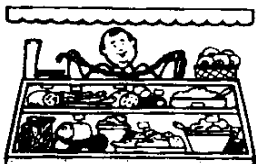
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"They are very dedicated and we are very pleased with their support," said Ms. Rivet. The Tabor students tutor Sippican students in the subjects of Math and ELA (Engligh/Language/Arts), and have been tutoring students in their community service program for the past 5 years.

Starting in March, the students will also receive afternoon classes on Mandarin Chinese from Tabor students. Ms. Rivet said that there is a group of students at Tabor Academy who are enthusiastic about sharing their culture with the Sippican students.

Grades 1, 5 and 6 will enjoy the Mandarin class in March. According to Ms. Soucy, there are approximately 27 Tabor students from Hong Kong, Thailand and mainland China who are looking forward to giving a cultural perspective to the grade school students.

"They will come in, do a lesson, share cultural similarities and differences," said Ms. Soucy, but the plans are still being developed. The Mandarin class may also include a question-and-answer session from the Sippican students, and a display of Mandarin clothing. She hopes that the students will also get to see their names in Mandarin.

Ms. Soucy also hopes that the Mandarin class will be accessible to the rest of the school with a second session in May. Ms. Soucy keeps quite busy in her

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position as the Enrichment teacher, since she is in charge of the student-operated "post office", the student council, math teams, the school store, afterschool groups, and she runs the math and science fair. These projects round out the educational experience for Sippican students.

Project Helps Preschoolers GROW

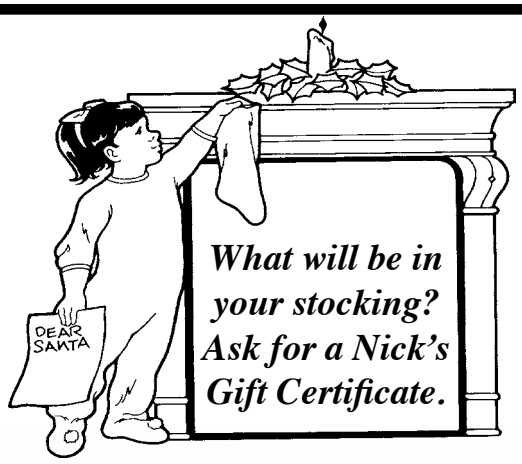
By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

If you ask Lisa MacKenzie, one of the Project GROW Parents Group leaders in Marion, what makes the pre-kindergarten group so successful, she'll say that it is not an experience that can be put into words.

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for the time-honored Tri-Town project that has been preparing preschool children since the 1988.

Ms. MacKenzie runs the Project GROW Marion Parents Group with Kathy Bliss; the Mattapoisett group is run by Jill Simcox and Jen Dumas; and the Rochester group is headed by Heidi Dubreuil and Heather Bacchiocchi. The Tri-Town parent groups work together to raise money for Project GROW, a program that depends on grants, tuition and private funding. These parents all have an interest in Project GROW because they have children who are benefitting from the pre-k program.

Project GROW was started by Director Jane Taylor and Barbara Moody who developed the program over twenty years ago in an effort to provide a transition to children entering kindergarten in the Tri-Town area. It works with parents and children, to start a child's education off on the right foot.

Project GROW receives money through fundraisers and through a tuition that families pay based on how many days their children attend – 2 to 5 days. There is a formula in place to provide tuition breaks to families who financially qualify.

The project is for all children, but it provides extra support to children with special needs. Ms. MacKenzie cited examples of children with developmental and physical handicaps, saying that the teachers in Project GROW were a "blessing" to the families of handicapped

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children.

"Project GROW is not an experience that you can describe in words," Ms. MacKenzie said. "It has made a huge difference in my children. I was hesitant to send my kids to pre-k because they are only young once." But, after speaking with Jane Taylor about the Project GROW program, Ms. MacKenzie thought that it might be an asset to her shy preschool-aged daughter, Jamie.

"Jamie came out of her shell, and developed confidence," said Ms. MacKenzie, "and she developed a lot more patience." The experience of Project GROW, the support from the teachers, and the exposure to schedule, routines, and other kids is something that Ms. MacKenzie thinks is vital for preschoolers. Jamie has moved onto kindergarten at the Sippican School, but little brother Ty is now enjoying the Project GROW program like his big sister before him.

Director Jane Taylor recently announced her retirement from Project GROW, effective December 23. Since grant money has dwindled in the current economy, Ms. Taylor's part-time director position will not be filled immediately, and her work will fall to secretaries and her current support staff. At a November 19 Joint Committee meeting of the ORR School and Union 55 Committees, Ms. Taylor asked them to remember her position and fill it again when financing allows.

Ms. MacKenzie said that Ms. Taylor will be greatly missed, but she is confident that the experienced and professional staff will "step up to the plate and won't miss a beat" in the transitional period following Ms. Taylor's retirement.

One of the events that Ms. MacKenzie hopes the public will attend is the "Family Dine-out" night, when families who eat at Matt's Blackboard or Rose and Vicki's will have a portion of their dine-out bill donated if they



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mention Project GROW at the time of purchase. Other upcoming fundraisers include a Toe Jam Puppet Band concert at Mattapoisett's Center School in January and a cake truffle giveaway in time for Valentine's Day.

The proceeds from fundraisers get split three-ways among the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. The money will help buy supplies for Project GROW children, will fund field trips, and some of the money goes to a scholarship for Old Rochester Regional High School students who are Project GROW graduates.

Ms. MacKenzie is eager to raise money for the program that has made such a difference in her children. She hopes others will consider applying to send their preschoolers to Project GROW, and she anticipates a big

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Relay for Life Hosts Children's Workshop

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

Children got the chance to enjoy the Holiday spirit and get their hands a little dirty this past weekend at the 3rd annual Relay for Life Workshop in the Center School.

The workshop was started by the Relay for Life Tri-Town Committee as a way to continue to raise funds throughout the year for the American Cancer Society. The Committee's major event is the Relay for Life 18-hour continuous walk at the Old Rochester Regional track in June, which they have been doing since 2005. "Every year, it gets a little bigger," said Caryn Hodges, co-chair of the Committee, "more and more survivors come out."

Ms. Hodges, who has co-chaired the Committee for the past 2 years, says the money raised from the Relay for Life and the Center School workshop goes to "research and advocacy" for cancer patients. Ms. Hodges got involved with the Relay for Life when her daughter's Girl Scout troop did a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Her daughter's troop leader was a cancer survivor.

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becoming a member of the Tri-Town Relay for Life Committee, and then a co-chair with Carol Lereau and Pam Houston, both Mattapoisett residents.

Ms. Lereau has also been involved in the Relay for Life for 5 years and says that the Holiday Workshop is a great event for children and families alike. The children enjoy making their own treasures to give to family members and the family members enjoy heirloom one-of-a-kind gifts. Ms. Lereau is a "hands-on type of person" and enjoys helping children work on their crafts. One particular favorite is the "Scallop Santa Claus". Children get to construct a Santa Claus out of scallop shells that the Committee receives from Ms. Lereau's scallop-fishing husband.

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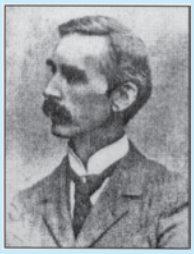
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"That was their favorite thing to do," Ms. Lereau said in regards to children decorating the scallop shells at the 2008 Relay for Life Workshop. The Committee always tries to incorporate new activities in the Workshop. This year, the children were able to pick from 15 different craft projects, including: scallop shell ornaments, poinsettia napkin rings, holiday coasters, clothes pin reindeers, dog biscuit ornaments, and pine cone Christmas trees. For a $6 donation, children picked 4 projects to make for their loved ones.

The Committee, which meets from January to June, was hoping that the Workshop would be the biggest one yet, especially since the 2008 workshop was over twice as big as the 2007 Workshop. "Especially with the economy – who doesn't want that homemade gift?" said Ms. Hodges.

Children also enjoyed meeting with Santa Claus, having their faces painted by Ms. Lareau and her daughter Brittany, along with popcorn, a bake table and a Chinese Auction.

One family even used the opportunity to have a birthday party for their 4-year-old son. Dawn Cormier, a member of the Relay for Life Committee, saw the opportunity to entertain ten children at her son Noah's fourth birthday party, while raising money for a worthy cause. "Honestly, it costs so much for birthday parties," said Ms. Cormier, who preferred spending money for a party that would benefit cancer research and treatment. The children in the birthday party were hardly aware of the good works that were taking place – they were too busy playing with glitter and glue.

The money raised from the Relay for Life event goes straight to the American Cancer Society, and then they will start planning their other major event. The Relay for Life walk is planned for June 11 and 12, 2010.

Ms. Lereau hopes that the Workshop event will generate interest from potential new members. "We need new blood, and younger people with fresh ideas. We hope other people will get involved," said Ms. Lereau.

For more information about the Relay for Life, please contact Caryn Hodges at 508-989-7805, Carol Lareau at 508-758-9229, or Pam Houston at 508-758-2812.

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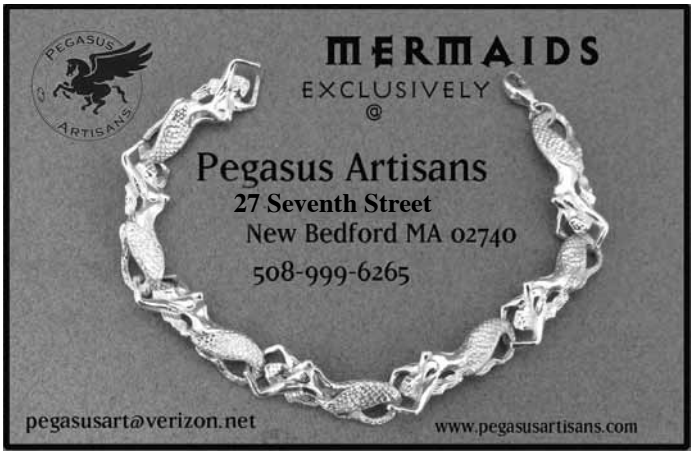
By Adam T. Silva

A regular meeting of the Marion Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Maguran at 7:19 pm on Monday, December 7, 2009 at the Marion Town House. Also in attendance were Board Members Steve Gonsalves, Patricia McArdle, John Sweeney, Jay Crowley, Jay Ryder, Joseph Napoli and Planning Board Secretary Debra Paiva.

Jack O'Leary, the representative for the Dunkin' Donuts being built on Route 6, spoke on their behalf at the meeting. He stated that the building is nearing completion, as site work was completed on Thursday, December 3. As Mr. O'Leary displayed a poster-size photo of the nearly done building, Chairman Maguran quickly pointed out that although it was extremely hard to see from the angle the photo was shot, the door handles of the building were pink and orange, colors that were not agreed upon by the Board.

The owner of the Marion Dunkin Donuts franchise, Francisco Sardinha, who was also in attendance, at first refused to budge on changing the colors, which could have resulted in further meetings with the Board and a potential delay of the opening of the store. After a brief discussion with Mr. O'Leary, Mr. Sardinha relented and said that he would change the colors of the handles to gold leaf, a color that was


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approved by the Board.

Chairman Maguran, who had been absent at the past two meetings, said that he was under the impression that "Yosemite sand" was going to be the color of the building. Although that was one of the colors that Mr. Sardinha could have chosen from and some of the preliminary computer printouts of the proposed building resembled a shade similar to that color, "Jackson tan" was the color selected long ago.

Wini Sylvia, of 165 Spring Street, spoke before the Board with the concerns she has over the "light and noise pollution" that will be created once the store opens. She stated that three properties in the surrounding area have now dropped in value and a woman who was renting her

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home lost her tenant due to the light caused.

Chairman Maguran said that the bylaw was put in place to stop things of that nature from happening. Several thuja plicata and Leyland cypress trees have been planted to help block out both sound and light, as well as a fence being installed. Mr. Gonsalves informed the Board and the audience as to what trees had been planted, although he stated, "this is not going to be enough." Both the Zoning and Building Commissioners need to sign off that it is properly screened.

Currently, the widow's walk on the top of the building, which is there to hide exposed mechanics, has been painted the same color brown that is on the building, which was not agreed upon by the Board. Chairman Maguran stated that in order to get a temporary occupancy permit, Mr. Sardinha must address the lighting and sound issues and the color of the widow's walk must be changed. Mr. Sardinha said that the posts of the widow's walk would be painted "Lancaster white", which was a Board-approved color.

Also on the agenda, the Cumberland Farms that abuts Eastern Bank is looking to put in twice as many pumps, triple its tank size and triple its canopy, while tearing down the building and creating one twice the size. According to Chairman Maguran, they are planning to claim "existing conforming use" for the project's permits. He said that would work for the gasoline pumps, but not for the building, as it would be a fast food/convenience store and would not be zoned for such and would need special permits. They would first have to go through the Zoning Board of Appeals for the sign and canopy, but would have to go through the Planning Board for the site plan.

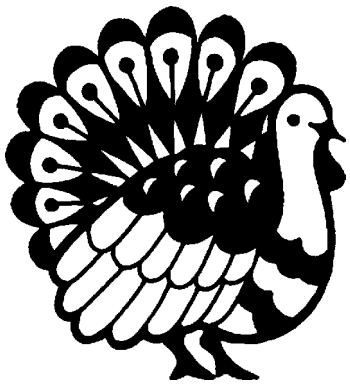
The Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm by Chairman Maguran. No executive session was held. The

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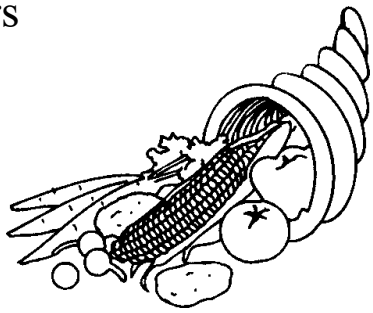
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next meeting of the Marion Planning Board will be on Monday, December 14 at 7:15 pm in the Town House.

Marion Selectmen Sign BAN

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

In a December 1 meeting, the Marion Board of Selectmen signed to approve the sale of a $10 million Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) from Marion to Eastern Bank. The BAN was dated December 11, 2009, and payable December 10, 2010 with accrued interest and a $101,190 premium.

Special Police Officer Alisha Chandler was appointed to the position of a Student Officer. Special Officer Matthew Cooper was appointed a full-time police officer, effective December 13, after completing Police Academy on December 11. These appointments replaced retired and resigned police officers.

In additional appointments, Evelyn Rivet, Interim Principal at Sippican School, was appointed to the Sippican School Major Maintenance Committee.

A one-day, all-alcohol signed was granted to the Marion Social Club for a December 21 event. The Board then approved various 2010 license renewals, such as alcohol, retail package, entertainment, and Sunday package store opening licenses.

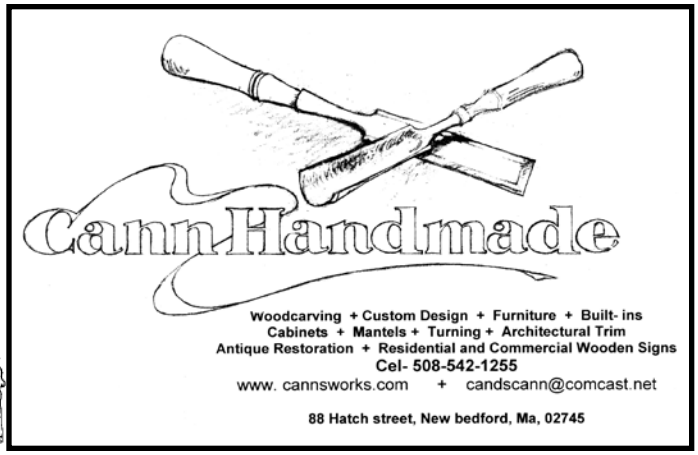
The brief meeting was followed by a Christmas party. A December 15 meeting is scheduled at the Town House at 7:00 pm.

Mattapoisett Selectmen Meeting

December 8, 2009

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Jordan C. Collyer on December 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Also in



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attendance were Selectmen Paul A. Silva and George Randall, Town Administrator Michael Gagne', and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

The minutes of the November 24, 2009 meeting were approved.

The first appointment of the evening was with the Mother's Day Tiara Road Race Committee. The Committee was seeking the approval of the Board for their 4th annual race scheduled for May 9, 2010. The 5K family road race will experience only one change from previous years. The route will be reversed to start at Old Marion Rd, giving the chance for runners to disperse and "let the pack break up" in the area of Ned's Point before heading out towards Route 6, which will lessen the impact on Route 6 traffic. This change is based on safety feedback from Mattapoisett police officers last spring.

"We appreciate you seeing a problem and taking action to it before we (have to)," said Chairman Collyer, in regards to the route change.

The Road Race proceeds will go to the Women's Fund, which is a non-profit organization that supports



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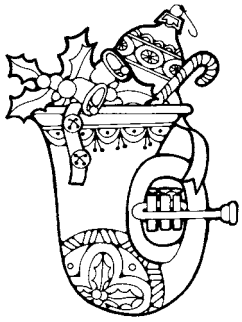
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programs that promote the "mind, body and spirit" of women. The Committee said that the Race was good publicity for Mattapoisett, since the proceeds aren't kept for the town exclusively, but distributed to the region at large.

The Board voted to approve the 4th Annual Mother's Day Tiara Road Race.

Town Treasurer Brenda Herbeck came before the Board to show a written financial policy guide that she had compiled. The guide contained policies that the Town had been using for years, but the guide made them more official and collective. The Board approved the financial policy guide.

Daniel Chase, Chairman of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and member of the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee, came before the Board of Selectmen to request their support in the Mattapoisett River Valley Committee's plans to acquire newly-available land along the Mattapoisett River watershed by raising the assessed water value to 2 cents per 100 cubic feet, and by approving the Committee to borrow money. In the current economy, the Committee could purchase land in the watershed for a relatively low amount.

Although the Board was receptive to the idea, Selectman Silva wanted to know what the water cost increase would mean to the average resident. "There's no question that we need to protect the watershed," Selectman Silva said.

"I don't think the increase will be exponential. It's not a significant increase," said Chairman Collyer.

No action was made, and Mr. Chase will return with more information for the Board, including the impact of the increase on the average household.

In Notes and Announcements, Ms. Pacheco announced that:

• The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen will be Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

• The Town Hall will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 24 and will be closed all day on Friday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. Town Hall will be open all day on December 31 and closed all day on January 1 to celebrate the New Year.

• The new winter hours for the transfer station are: Thursday and Friday, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

In the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Gagne' called the Village Holiday Stroll a "tremendous success… Mel (Ms. Pacheco) and all the organizers worked very hard and we thank them," said Mr. Gagne'.

Mr. Gagne' also said that department heads will be ready for an annual meeting with the Board after the holidays, to present their needs and requests for budgeting purposes. "Resources will be limited," said Mr. Gagne', but this is the opportunity to have a "heart

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to heart" over what departments have accomplished over the past year and what their long term goals are.

Steve Kelliher, Chairman of the Bike Path Committee, came before the Board with Susan Nilson and Cesar Duarte of CLE Engineering to present the progress of the bike path's Phase 1 development. Phase 1 starts with Mattapoisett Neck Road and runs across the Mattapoisett River Bridge, to a salt marsh, through the YMCA easement, through Reservation Road, across the area of Eel Pond, and will end on Depot Street.

With some of the issues surrounding the Eel Pond restoration project, the presentation from CLE Engineering wanted a back-up plan for the event that the restoration project creates a roadblock for permitting. One of the contingency plans that they presented to the Board was the possibility of Phase 1 ending at Reservation Road if there were a problem building across Eel Pond.

The Board was not receptive to this idea, and wanted the Committee and CLE to continue with the proposed plan, which ends Phase 1 of the bike path at Depot St. The area of Reservation Road already has very little parking for the quahog fishermen, and ending the bike path there, even temporarily, would create a logistical problem.

Another challenge presented to the bike path's progress is the issue of developing the path in the marsh area to minimize impact to the wetlands wildlife. The engineers are working with the Army Corps of Engineers

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to develop a way to build the bike path without damaging the wetlands.

Mr. Kelliher and Ms. Nilson acknowledged the issue with safety in the area of the bike path on Mattapoisett Neck Road. Among the safety measures being considered for walkers and bikers in that section of the path are signs, light stripes, and textured surfacing, sometimes known as "rumble strips" to slow bikers down at the intersection.

The Board voted to go into executive session at 8:15 pm for the purpose of discussion relative to an interest in land.

School Report

ORR Prepares Holiday Concert

By Anne Smith

On December 16, the ORR chorus, band, and jazz band are performing in their annual holiday concert. The concert is open to the public and is scheduled for 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Ms. Fillio, the band and choral director for ORR, has been working with the students since October for this concert. The chorus and band each play two songs. "It's hard to pick favorites," Ms. Fillio says about the different songs she's chosen. "My favorite song that the band will be performing is 'Celtic Carol.' It's an arrangement of 'What Child Is This?' set to a fast pace, almost like a folk dance or the style of music you would expect to hear if you went to see Riverdance." Ms. Fillio's favorite choral song is 'Vivon,' which she describes as a Hanukkah song about the dreidl. "It's done a capella and it has been fun working with the students to learn the Hebrew words," Ms. Fillio says.

Not only do the chorus, band, and jazz band perform in the annual holiday concert, but they also have other concerts throughout the year. In March, both groups play in the FORM concerts. These are given to raise money for the FORM student scholarships. Ms. Fillio likes these concerts because they allow the high school band and chorus to interact with other schools in the district. "We also perform at the Pops concert, which will be May 13, 2010 in the high school auditorium," Ms. Fillio named

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another concert. The final concert is the Night of Jazz, which is scheduled in April.

This is Ms. Fillio's second year at ORR as the band and chorus director. Ms. Fillio has also worked at Waltham Senior High School in Waltham, MA and Cathedral High School in Springfield, MA in prior years. She says that she always wanted to be a teacher, partly because her mom was a teacher. "I was raised around a lot of teachers," Ms. Fillio says. "They all seemed to love what they did and that was really inspiring." From a young age, Ms. Fillio was attracted to music as well. "I was always asking my parents for lessons on different instruments and once I was old enough to start taking lessons, I was hooked."

According to Ms. Fillio, there is a misconception that the only careers in music are teaching and performing. "Any student interested in a career in music or possibly studying music beyond high school should be aware of the many opportunities," she says. "There are lots of options … like composing, recording, sound engineering, and music business, just to name a few."

Ms. Fillio would also like to make it known that it is not too late for students to become involved in band or chorus. Typically, the members of these activities have been taking lessons from fourth grade and continued with band and chorus at the junior high. "But it is not a requirement to do that," Ms. Fillio says. "I would gladly teach students how to play an instrument or even just teach them a couple of notes so they can see if they like it before they decide if they want to commit to learning it to participate in band." Ms. Fillio also says that students don't have to formally sing in a chorus to join the high school chorus. "When that happens I take some time with that student one-on-one to figure out what voice part they should be on so that they feel comfortable and confident singing with the class," she says.

On a final note, Ms. Fillio recommends that any student who is interested in joining either band or chorus to go speak with her, either at the holiday concert or during the school day.

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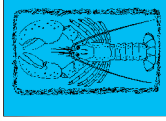
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Biochemistry is Pertinent in the Real World

By Caitlin Barker

On October 22, the A.P. Biology classes of Old Rochester Regional High School traveled to the Boston Museum of Science. The sun shed its warmth over the Boston scene and the Charles River offered its beauty for all to observe. The classes, taught by Mr. Kelsey and Mrs. Cabral, joined students from all over New England and attended a lecture by Dr. Catherine Drennan, MIT Professor.

Upon arrival, students from ORR passed an hour enjoying the mesmerizing exhibits. They became passionate over the cotton-top Tamarin monkeys whose innocence and adorable faces made the fact of their extinction a dreadful concept. Students entertained themselves in a new music exhibit where they could have an intense "jam" session. They could interpret the vibrations of their voices and play the instruments of third-world countries. Some students even ventured into a birthing exhibit which left them sympathetic towards their mothers.

Finally, the ORR students gathered in a lecture hall with students from the other schools and Dr. Drennan began her lecture titled "Molecules to Medicine: What is Chemistry?" The professor showed the audience her current project by using vivid photographs and a power point presentation. She discussed how a certain protein attaches to Vitamin B12 but some people have

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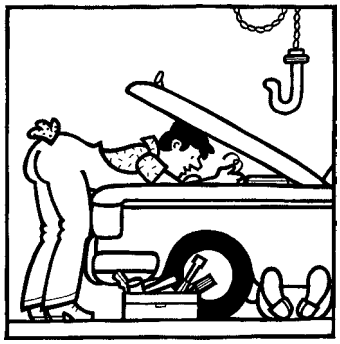
a defective protein. She proved how one amino acid out of the thousands, which make up the protein can affect the protein's function. This disease is called PKU (Phenylketonuria) and causes mental retardation. Dr. Drennan has been working on creating a structurally changed Vitamin B12 molecule, which the enzymatic protein can attach to. The vitamin is smaller in size and people with this disease would have to increase their intake of the substance.

Along with presenting her studies, Dr. Drennan enlightened the students about what it means to be a chemist. She revealed herself as once being a student who took two chemistry courses before she had any interest in the subject. When the professor asked the students

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what they thought a chemist looked like and received blank stares, she showed a picture of a group of older, stilted men. The audience agreed this image showed the chemists we all think of but to the delight of the students, the professor revealed these men were not chemists. Instead, she showed us images of her colleagues working in laboratories who were engaged in their work and in high spirits. She truly convinced the students of the interesting findings of a chemist at work.

In the end, the students of ORR earned a greater knowledge than anything they could have obtained in the classroom. After learning about the processes of biochemistry, they were able to relate the information to real-life situations. Truly, field trips prove a suitable way to take students to a new level of higher knowledge.

Sport Shorts

By Yulia Motta

The snow on the ground testified that winter is finally here, but another indicator of the winter's start is the beginning of the winter athletics.

Throughout this past entire week, winter athletes have gone through tough try-outs and some of them played a scrimmage game. Try-outs are usually the hardest part for many athletes because it is filled with a lot of running, push-ups, and conditioning. However, it is something that makes an athlete both mentally and physically tough. **Old Rochester Girls Basketball** know exactly how tough the try-outs can be, because in order for the girl to be even considered as one of the players for the team, they have to get past Coach Hohne's try-outs.

Whenever the winter athletics roll around, many girls get excited about the Girls Basketball, but halfway through the try-outs, about a quarter of them end up quitting, because it gets to be too much for some

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of them to handle. Great coaching and toughness that radiates from Coach Hohne is one of the major reasons why the ORR Girls Basketball team makes post season appearances one year after another. This year Girls Basketball team is under both great coach and great captains, and they are hoping to bring home a trophy this year.

Old Rochester Boys Basketball team lost a lot of talent last year and they missed the playoffs by only one game. However, Coach Carvalho is hopeful that incoming seniors and underclassmen would be able to step up their game and bring back the fans to their side of the bleachers. Coach Carvalho is relying on **Nick Filliramo**, **Scott Evansan**, and **Max Risch**, to fill in the big holes that **John Cuchi**, **Tristan Miller**, and **John Santos** left when they graduated.

There is also a lot of talent lining up on the Old Colony parquet, and **Lady Cougars**, the defending champions, are looking to make another run at it. This past week Lady Cougars faced Westport and Bishop Connolly for their scrimmage game, and they ended up defeating both teams; that's a pretty good start.

As for the boys, they are undergoing a try-out period and coach is really amazed at how some of the freshmen are playing. Some of the boys are not settling for the freshmen team and are working extra hard to prove to the coaches that they are capable of playing on the Junior Varsity or Varsity teams; few of them actually might have



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This week coaches would make their decision and athletes, who make the team, would suit up for their opening season games. Many of the athletes and coaches are hoping for a good start, but all of them want the championship trophy. So come out and see whose hard work and effort will pay off this season.

Rochester Pirates Sail to Victory

By Rod McCollester

The Pirates of the Rochester Youth Baseball League won the 2009 Rochester Little League Championship by defeating the Cubs 2-0 this past summer in the semi-final round and going on to sweep

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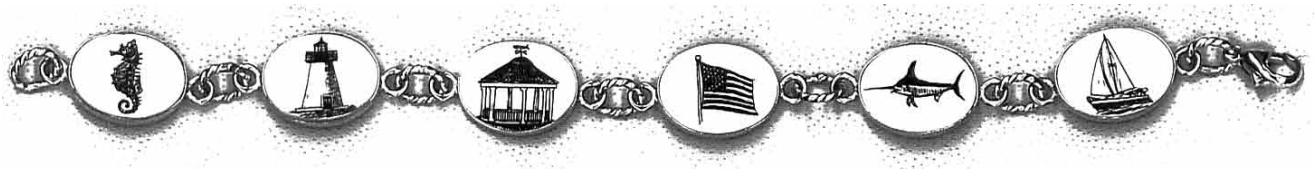
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the Astros, also by 2-0, in the championship round.

Surprising everyone, the Pirates, who were the regular season third-place finishers behind both the Cubs and Astros, peaked at just the right time and marched through the playoffs led by league MVP **Jeremy Bare** with 3 Home Runs and 11 RBIs. Bare also pitched dominating games in both series as well. The semi-final series began in dramatic fashion. The Pirates, powered by a 2-run homer by Jeremy Bare, took a 3-1 lead into the bottom of the sixth and final inning.

The "never say die" Cubs however, staged a gutsy one-out rally led by **Zach Rivera**, **Brendon Deverix**, and **Tom Mydlack** to tie the score. Then, with one out in the top of the extra-inning seventh, **Tucker Mendonca** answered by tomahawking a pitch deep to left for a home run (his first of the season!) which somehow managed to just clear the fence over the outstretched glove of **Kyle Rood**. **Riley Sherman** came in to pitch the bottom of the seventh shutting the door and saving the game for the Pirates. Final score: Pirates 4 Cubs 3.

In Game 2, the Cubs took a 7-3 lead into the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Pirates erupted for 7 runs. The comeback was started by **Hunter Foley** with a one-out . Despite the next batter making the second out of the inning, the next 8 batters reached base safely, including another dramatic home run by **Tucker Mendonca,** scoring two and bringing his team to within one run of tying the Cubs. **Luke McCollester** eventually drove in the go ahead and series clinching run with his second single of the day**. Sean Hopkins** then followed with a 2 RBI single to help put the game out of reach. Riley Sherman was the winning pitcher. Final score: Pirates 12 Cubs 7. Pirates won the series 2-0.

The Championship round featured the Astros who led the league with the best record during the regular season. The Pirates started the opening game of the series with a lead off walk by **Steve Burke** and went on to score 3 runs in the inning, one driven in by Bare and two by McCollester. The Astros then tied the game in the bottom of the first, with the first 3 batters, **Ryan Beatty**, **Drew Estes**, and **Andrew Dessert** reaching base on hits and scoring. However, Bare struck out the next 3 batters to end

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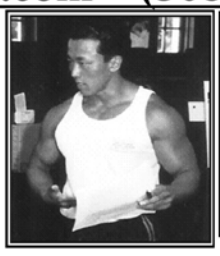
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the inning. In the top of the second, the Pirates continued where they left off, answering with a grand slam home run by **Riley Sherman** and never looked back. Rookies **Nate Corbis** and **Jake Thompson** also contributed to the inning, with Nate scoring a run after another lead off walk, and Jake with his first hit of the playoffs, a solid line drive over second base for an RBI single. Except for one run scored by **Hunter Cooney** in the sixth inning, Bare pitched a dazzling game, scattering only 5 more hits, walking none, and striking out 12.

The game's punctuation mark was provided in the Pirates sixth inning as **Sam Kirby** lofted an opposite field shot for a solo home run, also his first home run of the season. That made it 3 players to accomplish that feat

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within the first 3 games of the playoffs! With both Sam and his father, Coach Kirby, jumping up and down and high fiving each other as Sam rounded third base, their excitement and elation was a joy to behold! Final score of the first Championship round was: Pirates 11 Astros 4.

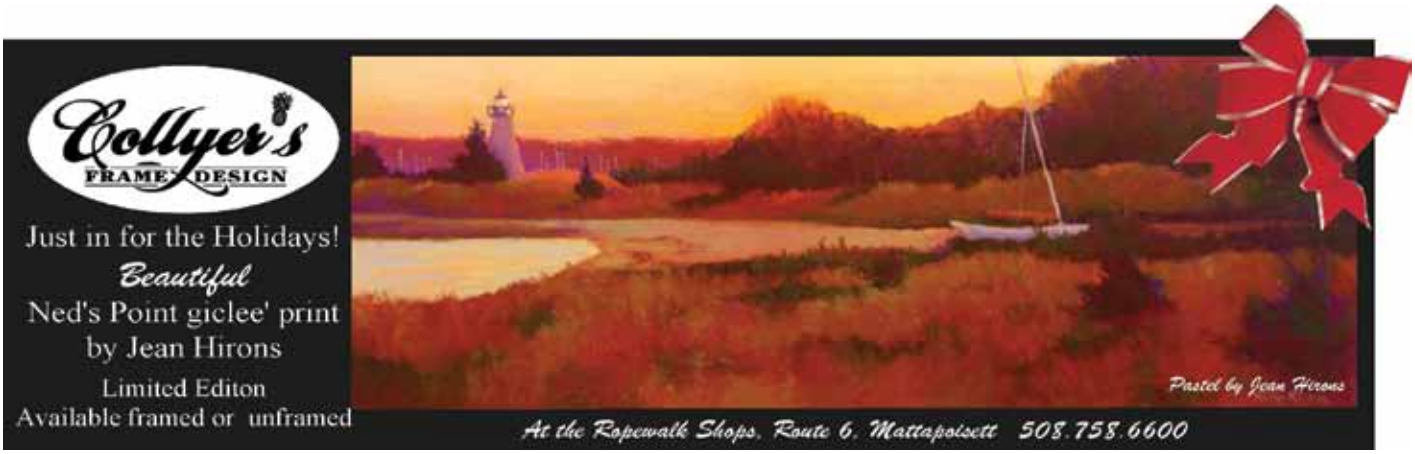
The second game also started out tied 3-3 after one inning. The Astros, just as in Game 1, had their first three batters reach base and score, this time highlighted by a 2 run home run by **Drew Estes**. **Riley Sherman** pitched 1 run ball the balance of the way, backed by strong defense and great work in the field. The game winning and knock out blow was provided by **Jeremy Bare**, who hit a 3 run home run in his final at bat as a Little Leaguer, to put the Pirates ahead for good in the bottom of the fourth. One notable defensive highlight was a strong throw by right fielder **Cam Stuart** in the top of the fifth to cut down a runner at third base. Final score of the second Championship game: Pirates 6 Astros 4. Pirates won the series 2-0.

Congratulations to all the Pirates players on a true team effort. Every one pitched in and helped to achieve a most memorable Championship season. Hats off and thanks too, to Coaches George Kirby and Gary Sherman for their dedication, good humor, and hard work, as well as to the rest of their staff and the league. The Pirates, and the whole Rochester Youth Baseball League, is looking forward to a new baseball season in April! See you on the sidelines!

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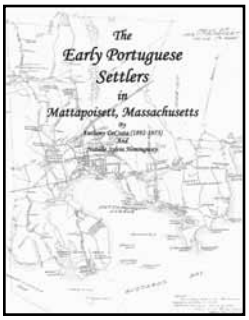
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Sandra is a consistent multi-million dollar producer & has received the Premier Service Diamond Individual Award. She has served as a GrNBAR Director & Secretary, as well as a Southeastern Mass MLS Director. She has earned her GRI & CRS designations and Medallion Club Summit membership. Sandra is active in her community as a past Trustee of the Mattapoisett Public Library, Secretary of the ORR H.S. Parents Advisory Council & Director of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. She is currently a Trustee of Nativity Preparatory School of New Bedford and co-founder of the Friends of Nativity.

"As a Realtor member, I have enjoyed the educational & professional services offered by the local, state and national Realtor organization. The best advice that I can give to new agents is to become involved in their professional association and continually educate themselves in this challenging, but rewarding, field," stated Sandra.



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ORRJHS Students of the Month

Kevin Brogioli, Principal of the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for November 2009:

Green Team – Anne Roseman and Kyle Beauregard. **Orange Team** – Kelly Merlo and Christopher Carando. **Blue Team** – Sarah Braza and Ryan Manning. **Red Team** – Sarah Rogers and Chad Underhill. **Special Areas** – Amanda Michaud and Robert Balboni.

Elks Name ORR Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham Lodge No. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school, club and community service, industry and farming.

The Elks congratulate, Senior, Anne-Margaret Saucier, for being selected by the ORRHS faculty and staff for the month of September.

Community Giving Guide

The Wanderer is pleased to announce its Community Giving Guide, to be published in an upcoming edition. If your nonprofit organization needs an angel this winter, submit your wish list to us. Please include your organization's name, purpose, address, telephone number, contact person, email address and website. Then list the items you need, such as old computers, desk chairs, canned food, volunteer help, financial contributions, and the like. Please limit your list

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to a few priority donations. Once we've received a few of these wish lists, *The Wanderer* will publish them in a guide to community giving in an upcoming issue. Please e-mail your information to news@wanderer.com or mail it to: *The Wanderer* Community Giving Guide, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Dana Farber Giveaway Winner

The winner of the November Dana Farber Giveaway for a 42" plasma television was Carlos Aguiar of Rochester. The Thanksgiving television giveaway raised $1000. The next giveaway will be for a $500 gift certificate to a large hardware store. Those interested in entering the next giveaway will be able to purchase tickets

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Tri Town Community Clinic

There will be a seasonal and H1N1 vaccine clinic for Tri-Town residents on **December 15**, 2009 from Noon to 6:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, 135 Marion Road, in Mattapoisett. The seasonal flu vaccine will be available for all Tri-Town residents. The H1N1 vaccine will be available for Tri-Town children (5 years to 18 years of age), while supplies last. A $5.00 donation is suggested for residents not covered by Medicare.

This clinic is sponsored by the Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester Boards of Health.

Maconchu Club Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party for the Maconchu Club will be at 6:00 pm on Friday, **December 18** at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. There will be time for punch and hors d'oeuvres followed by a turkey dinner.

The Showstoppers will entertain later in the evening. Dinner will be $16 per person and reservations should be sent to Lois Murray at 9 Channing Road and must be in by December 11.

Tri-County Symphonic Band

The Tri-County Symphonic Band celebrates the festive holiday season with its annual Children's Concert, Sunday, **December 13**, 2009, 1:30 pm at the Sippican School, 16 Spring St. Marion, in the Multi-Purpose Room. The concert is a wonderful family experience designed for all ages and is free of charge.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, will perform seasonal favorites including "March of the Toys", "Three Moods of Hanukkah", "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "An American Christmas."

A special part of this year's concert will feature the Sippican School Festival Choir, under the direction



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of Patricia Richard performing "The Christmas Song", accompanied by the Tri-County Symphonic Band. The venerable Christmas standard, made famous by Mel Torme, is sometimes known as "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire."

Also, the youngsters in the audience will enter a drawing with the winner playing the sleigh bells with the Tri-County Symphonic Band in its rendition of Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."

The concert will conclude with a "Christmas Sing-a-long" featuring the Sippican School Concert Choir, followed by a volunteer community band, under the direction of Hannah T. C. Moore, leading a march from the Sippican School to Island Wharf to greet Santa as he

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Project GROW Family Dine Out

On Friday, **December 18**, help donate to a great cause and get the night off from cooking dinner. Project GROW Parents Group has recruited some local restaurants to participate in the Family Dine Out Night fundraiser event. 15% of all sales at Rose and Vicki's in Marion, and 20% of all sales at Matt's Blackboard in Rochester, will benefit Project GROW, but please mention the offer at the time of purchasing your meal.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for Project GROW. Project GROW is an accredited early childhood educational program that offers high quality pre-school education for 3-5 year old Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester children with no prior pre-school experience and also includes children with special needs. It attempts to reach a goal of affording all area children the opportunity of a pre-school experience. The Parents Group sponsors several events and fundraisers throughout the school year to help raise money to support this cause. All monies raised will be used to buy supplies for the children's classes, occasionally provide some money to offset the cost of field trips, and most importantly provide a college scholarship fund to a former Project GROW graduate. Any questions regarding this fundraiser should be referred to Lisa MacKenzie (508) 748-1794.

Marion DPW Holiday Trash Pick-Up

With the holiday season upon us, the Department of Public Works would like to remind Marion residents that the regularly scheduled pick-up of Friday, December 25, will occur on Thursday, **December 24**.

RHC Seeks Members

The Board of Selectmen is seeking volunteers to serve on the Historic District Commission. The District operates under the Design Guidelines that changes should be compatible with the building and settings in the District. Members review projects in a meaningful and consistent manner. Letters of interest should be sent to

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The festive Sounds of the Season again will echo in the halls of the Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools! Both will feature the musical talents of the ORR Students in Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Choral performances!

• The Senior High School Holiday Concert will be held on Wednesday, **December 16** at 7:00 pm and will feature a traditional Celtic Carol and March of the Three Kings.

• The Junior High School Holiday Concert will

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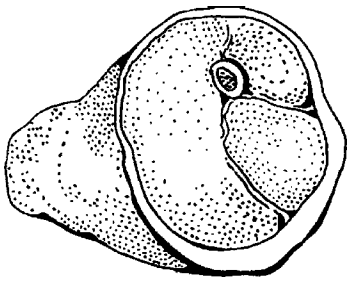
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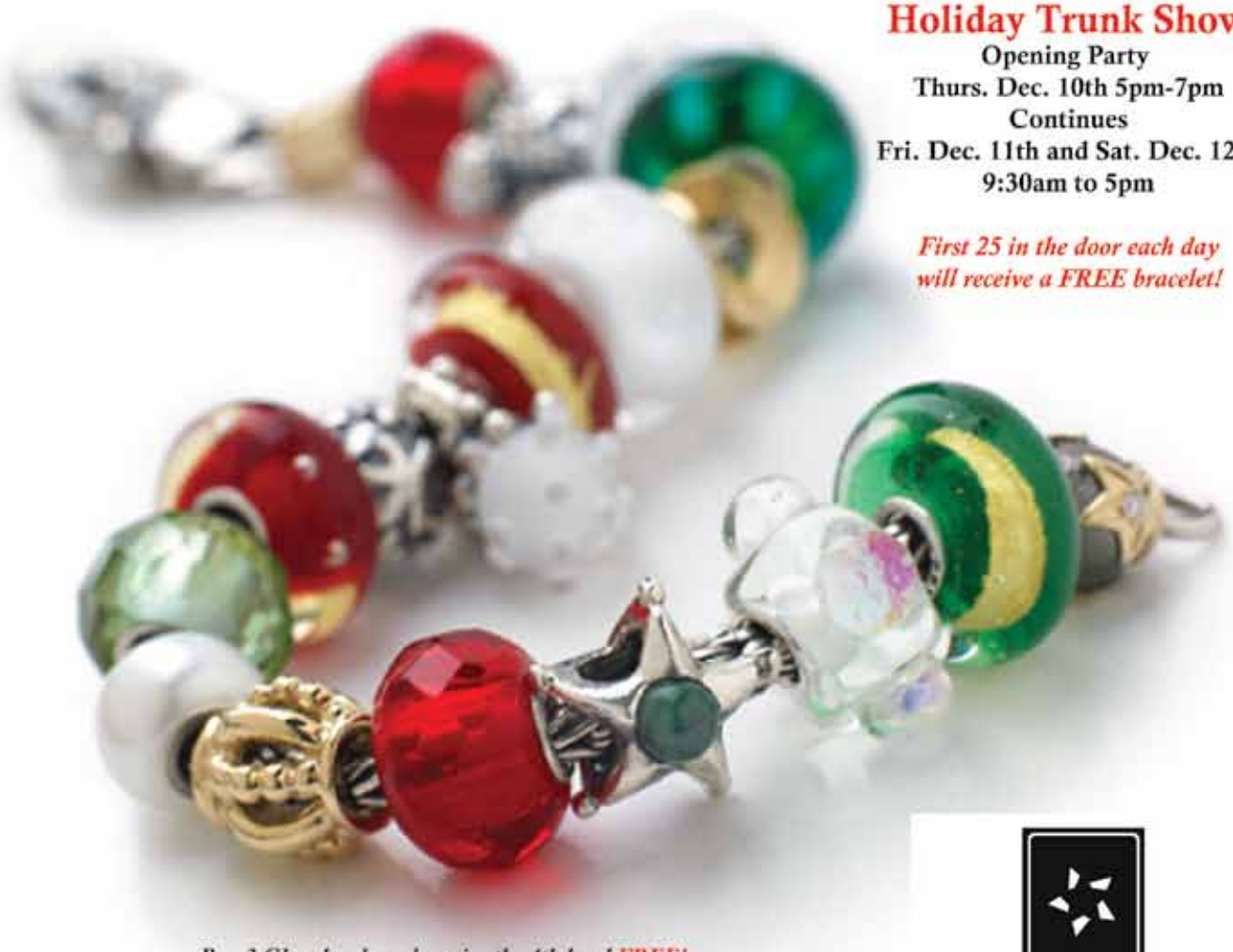
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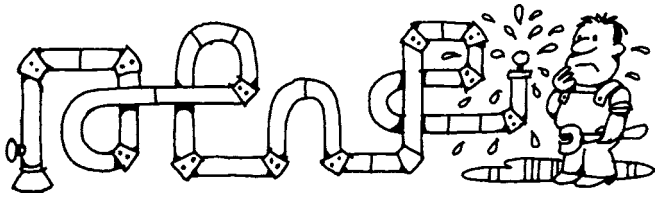
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Both Concerts are free, and open to the public.

Rochester Historical Society Meeting

Members of the Rochester Historical Society will have their annual Christmas Party at 7:00 pm on **December 16** at the East Rochester Church/Museum.

Good fellowship, good food and Christmas music will be shared by all. Members are invited to bring a $5 gift marked for a man or woman for the gift exchange. Non-members are invited to learn more about the Historical Society or see the Museum displays.

Winter Welcome at the Mattapoisett Museum

Sprucing up the Mattapoisett Historical Museum's entrance, Ann Shepley and Claire Keene, added traditional evergreen boughs and sprigs of holly tied together with a bright red bow to the traditional pots. The pots stand as sentinels on the steps of the charming Mattapoisett Historical Museum and Carriage House.

Housed in an enchanting Meeting House dating from 1821 and now beautifully restored, the museum is famous for its whaling artifacts, scrimshaw, clothing, antiques, and a model of an early salt works. "We have researchers in here all the time," said Bette Roberts, the museum's curator.

All the decorative greenery adorning Mattapoisett's post office, library, museum and Town Hall is the handiwork of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Group. According to club members Ann Shepley and Claire Keene, all the evergreen and holly was donated from Mattapoisett's Fin, Fur, and Feather Club.

Nasketucket Bird Club

The Christmas Bird Count for the Nasketucket Bird Club will be on Saturday morning, **December 19**. Everyone interested in participating will gather at the southwest side of Fairhaven's Stop and Shop Parking lot at 7:00 am. The count, which takes place mostly on

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Tinkhamtown Chapel Caroling

Holiday caroling at Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will be held Saturday, **December 19** at 5:00 pm. The chapel is located at the end of Acushnet Road, near Long Plain Road. Everyone is invited to join in this sing-a-long celebration of traditional holiday music. The chapel, quaintly lit by oil lamps and heated by a potbelly stove, provides the perfect old-fashioned setting. Any

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Mattapoisett Road Race Needs Members

The Mattapoisett Road Race Committee recently met to begin planning for the 40th Independence Day Road Race! This year's race will be held on Saturday, July 3, 2010 to avoid conflict with Sunday church services.

Since its inception, over $100,000 in proceeds from the Race have been awarded to graduating seniors at ORR. Because this is our 40th year, the Committee is interested in collecting information and pictures that chronicle the history of the past 4 decades of Mattapoisett road races. We also welcome having interested people join the Committee to promote this worthy endeavor!

Anyone willing to share history of the Road Race, or anyone willing to help plan next year's event, please contact Karen Manning at 508-758-9419, or e-mail kdmanning1@yahoo.com.

Marion Town Clerk News

• **A Special State Election** has been called to fill the vacancy in the Senate when Senator Edward Kennedy passed away.

The Primary Election took place on December 8; The State Election is to be held on **January 19**, 2010.

Last day to register to vote for State Election: **December 30**, 2009. Again, the Town Clerk's Office will remain open until 8:00 pm for voter registration.

If you have any questions, please call our office at 508-748-3502.

• **Absentee ballots** are now available at the Marion Town Clerk's office for the upcoming State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, **December 8**, 2009 at the Music Hall, 164 Front Street.

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Absentee ballots will be accepted until noon on **December 7**, 2009. For further information, please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502.

Marion Art Center Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center is now open! Included in the installation are jewelry by Toni Cardoza, Donna Driscoll, Lynn Hahn, Heidi Horman, Harmony Jusseaume, and J.R. Lamartine; bags by Theresa Mattson, Carol Vincent and Colleen McIntire; hand-carved birds by Mike McCarthy; tiles by Kim Barry; doll clothes by Gretchen Joy; scarves and jackets by Elizabeth

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• Silhouette artist Carol Lebeaux will be at the Marion Art Center on Saturday, **December 12** from 10:00 to 5:00 pm. She is one of only two people in New England who have the skill to create these heirloom, hand-cut portraits. Each sitting takes about 15 minutes, and she provides many choices of matting and framing. Appointments may be made in advance by calling 508-748-1266. Walk-ins are welcome, and she accepts "wigglers". She also does pet portraits. Call for more information.

The Young People's Theater at the Marion Art Center will perform "Puss in Boots" on **December 12** at 7:00 pm and **December 13** at 2:00 pm. Admission is free. The MAC dancers will perform a mini recital entitled "The Sweet Shop" on Wednesday, **December 16** at 5:00 pm.

The art center will be closed December 24 - January 5, 2010. Classes and lessons will resume January 11.

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Holiday Happenings

Mattapoisett held its annual holiday celebration and tree lighting on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Shipyard Park. The rain couldn't dampen holiday spirits as visitors enjoyed delicious food and listened to Christmas music performed by the Showstoppers. Children made their own ornaments and hung them on the Christmas tree. They also danced with Rudolph and Frosty and shared their Christmas wishes with Santa Claus. Photos by Felix Perez.













The Showstoppers helped keep spirits high at the Mattapoisett Annual Tree Lighting.



The Mattapoisett Lions Club collected toys for local families on behalf of the Mattapoisett Fire Department at the December 5, 2009 Town Tree Lighting. They also collected canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.





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Marion Garden Group News

The Marion Garden Group will hold their annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, **December 12**, 2009 at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street. The doors open at 9.30 am.

Throughout the fall, Marion Garden Group members attend in-home workshops and create handmade ornaments and decorative gifts utilizing only naturally found materials such as seashells, pinecones, mosses, dried flowers, spices and bulbs. Workshops this year included: Pinecone Animals, Seashell Ornaments, Starfish Trees, Living Wreaths and Trees, Pomanders, Teacup Topiaries, Natural Soaps, and Naturally Decorated Picture Frames and Birdhouses.

"We have many new and exciting nature-inspired gift ideas this year and there should be something for everyone on your gift list," said Laurie Fearing, who is co-chairing the Boutique with Mallory Waterman.

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original and fresh greens table arrangements, garlands, and floral decorations to be sold at the boutique. Decorated boat paddles, aka "Piney Paddles" were a particular hit last year and will be available this year as well.

"The importance to us of this Boutique is that proceeds are used for on-going community projects such as Flower Therapy at Marion and Wareham nursing homes, and the continued beautification of Marion Village public spaces," said co-chair Ms. Waterman.

For additional information on the Marion Garden Group Annual Christmas Boutique, contact Trina Waniga or visit www.mariongardengroup.com.

Marion Garden Group was founded in 1956 as an organization of Marion residents interested in the beautification of our community. Our goals are to assist in the enhancement of Marion's parks and public spaces, and to further our knowledge of gardening through discussion and presentations by experts in this field.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Nativity

A live Nativity scene will be presented at the gazebo in Shipyard Park on Sunday, **December 20**, 2009. The Nativity will be performed for the community as a gift from the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The Nativity will start at 5:00 pm.

The Church urges you to bring family and friends as they celebrate the Reason for the Season through the old story of the Holy Couple at the Manger and sing seasonal carols. Please bring flashlights to read the carols, and lawn chairs if you wish to sit.

An Offering will be received to benefit Heifer Project International, and there will be Fellowship Time with hot Cocoa.

Marion Basketball Clinic

Marion Recreation will hold basketball clinic sign-ups for boys and girls in Grades 2 and 3 on Thursday, **December 10** from 4:30to 6:00 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Please use the Main Street entrance.

The programs run on Saturday afternoons from January until March. The third graders will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 and the second graders will meet from 2:30 to 3:30. The price is $30 and all players will receive a shirt. Have fun while learning basketball skills.

Sippican Woman's Club

With a theme of "Tree Spree," the ladies of the Sippican Woman's Club, a non-profit organization, will present their 23rd Annual Holiday House Tour and Tea from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday, **December 12**, 2009, rain or shine.

Participants will exchange their tickets for a brochure and tour map at Coldwell Banker Real Estate office located at 150 Front Street, which is right next to Handy's Tavern. Begin your memorable tour adventure at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street in Marion. Handy's Tavern is owned by the Sippican Woman's Club and serves as its clubhouse.

When you enter Historic Handy's Tavern you will discover a room full of magnificent Christmas trees lavishly decorated by Jeanne Bruen, Lu Chevrier and the many Sippican Woman's Club volunteer members. They have been hard at work for many months preparing for this exciting event and as usual have done an amazing job. The Tavern has been transformed into a "Tree Spree" of surprising imagination. A Silent Auction will be offered on a number of these trees. This is a glorious and stunning sight not to be missed!

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In addition to the tavern, delight in visiting a selection of five beautiful homes festively decorated for the holiday season by professional design specialists and Sippican Woman's Club members. Afternoon tea will be at St Gabriel's Church from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and is included in the ticket price.

A hot holiday luncheon will be offered from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the First Congregational Church Community Center for $9.50. Reservations are advised by calling 508-748-1053.

Tickets for the tour cost $17 in advance and are available at the Marion General Store, the Bookstall and Serendipity in Marion, or Isabelle's in Mattapoisett. You may also send a self-addressed envelope along with your check payable to the Sippican Woman's Club, P.O. Box 121, Marion, MA 02738. Tickets may be purchased for $20 on the day of the tour at the Coldwell Banker Real Estate office or at The Music Hall in Marion.

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Obituaries

Duane William Ragsdale, who was Vice Chairman of Ted Bates Worldwide, Inc. when it was the second largest advertising agency in the world, died November 17th. He was 85 years of age.

Mr. Ragsdale was a resident of New York City for 58 years and spent summers in Mattapoisett, Ma. for 47 years.

Know as Rags, he was born in Baker City, Oregon and attended schools there. During World War II he attended the University of Colorado in the Naval V12 program and upon graduation he served on the William B. Langfitt troop transport in the Pacific.

Afer the service he attended the Harvard Business School on an academic Scholarship and graduated in 1951.

Rags first venture into advertising was in the advertising department at Paramount Pictures in 1951 researching the impact-if any- that the newly developed television might have upon the movie industry. He went on to Compton Advertising, now Satchi and Satchi where he helped to launch Gleem Toothpaste "for people who can't brush after every meal". His next position was at William Esty. Once at Ted Bates Worldwide, Rags was instrumental in bringing William Esty into the Ted Bates Worldwide Organization. He is a past member of the New York Athletic Club, The Harvard Club of New York and the American Advertising Federation.

He was appreciated for giving full credit to those who worked with him for their contributions to advertising campaigns. He was also known for a wonderful sense of humor. His coworkers refer to the period of time that they worked with him as their "Camelot".

He is survived by Mimi his loving wife of 57 years and dear daughter Martha, his niece Dana and nephews Richard and Norman. He was preceded in death by his brothers Lee, Norman and Orville.

Rags will be deeply missed by all who knew him. A memorial service will be held on January 9th at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home in New York City. Please make remembrances to your favorite charity.



Margaret "Peggy" (Anthony) Anderson, 84, of Barnstable and formerly of Marion and Needham, passed away on Monday, December 7, 2009 in her home surrounded by her family.

Born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens NY, by Winifred and Andrew Anthony, oldest sister of Andy, Charles and James Anthony, sister-in-law of Zim, Wilma and Betty, graduated from Queens College in Nutrition, married to the late Angus Anderson of Needham.

Peggy celebrated her life in full appreciation of her family, friends, books, poetry and culinary arts. She is survived by her seven children: Ellen Anderson of Brewster, Marie Anderson of West Yarmouth, Bruce Anderson of Falmouth, Jay and Mindy Pasco-Anderson of Needham, Jean Anderson of Southborough, Andrew and Jamie Anderson of Westford, and Kate and Pierre Olivier of Brooklyn NY, and by her nine grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Rita's Church, Marion MA at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 12th. Donations in her name may be made to the Natick Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 9 Erie Drive, Suite 101, Natick, MA, 01760. She was full of love and was loved by all.

Timothy Putnam died peacefully at home in Marion MA on December 5, 2009. He was born on February 18, 1914 in Dedham, MA and attended Noble and Greenough School and Harvard University.

He served as a captain in the US Army during World War II. After the war he moved to St. Louis, MO where he met his wife Nancy C. Lionberger in 1948 while playing hockey on Old Log Cabin pond.

He worked for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corporation until his retirement in 1979.

He moved to Marion where his wife's family had summered since the late 1800's and quickly became part of the community, serving on the Planning Board, the Sippican Land Trust, and the board of the Marion Art Center. Tim was often spotted cleaning up the sides of Point Rd. and the beaches of Marion. He enjoyed his life to the fullest, sailing out into Buzzards Bay, traversing the golf course, and splitting firewood for the winter. His biggest love was having his family around him.

He was an amazing husband and father, and is survived by his four children, Timothy Putnam Jr., Nancy P. MacDonald, John W. Putnam, and Leah P. Garcia-Blanco. He also had 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

His memorial service was held Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Chapel at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front St., Marion.

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to the Sippican Land Trust, 354 Front St., Marion, MA 02738.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Milestone section, please contact our office at : 508 758-9055, by fax at 508-758-4845, or by email at office@wanderer.com. Included in the Milestone Section is Birth Announcements, Obituaries, Engagement Notices, Wedding Notices, Anniversaries and Memorials.

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•Wednesday, **December 16**: 10:00 Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness w/Karen; 12:00 $5 Baked Stuffed Chicken Dinner; 1:30 Bingo.
•Thursday, **December 17**: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:00 Bridge.
•Friday, **December 18**: 8:00 Shaw's; 8:30 Yoga; 10:00 Cardio Workout to 50's Music Class; Trip to Island Terrace.
Reminders for upcoming weeks:
• Every Wednesday lunch at the Center for just $5.
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Editor's Pick of the Week

Local Dancer Plays Clara at PPAC



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The Providence Performing Arts Center will be presenting *The Nutcracker* December 11 through 13. Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* is by definition a glamorous and awe-inspiring holiday ballet, and for the public, the PPAC presentation is always a highly anticipated annual show.

The first images that are evoked when one thinks of *The Nutcracker* is the enormous Christmas tree, the dancing mice, and of course, the lead – Clara – all set to the timeless music of Tchaikovsky.

The lead for the PPAC production of Clara will be played by Rochester resident Lauren Sylvia, a fifteen-year-old sophomore at Old Rochester Regional High School. This is the second year that Ms. Sylvia has played the coveted lead role, but the honor hasn't inflated her ego any. She is down-to-earth and still describes her experiences at PPAC as "exciting."



Ms. Sylvia first started performing in the annual PPAC production of *The Nutcracker* when she was 9 years old. She attended dance classes at a studio in Providence, and the studio had an affiliation with the Performing Arts Center. Her first role was as a "Party Girl", which is one of the attendants of the lavish party in the beginning of the ballet, before Clara falls asleep and has a fantastic dream.

In *The Nutcracker*, a young girl named Clara falls asleep holding onto a nutcracker after a Christmas party. The magical nutcracker comes to life, battles the Mouse Queen, turns into a prince, and takes Clara to "The Land of the Sweets," which includes the signature scene of the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. "Then she wakes up and she realizes that she is not a little girl anymore," said Ms. Sylvia. "It's a good story."

The Nutcracker itself has become synonymous with the Christmas season, and attending the ballet is an annual rite for many families. PPAC has, over the years, become well known for their rendition of the Tchaikovsky/Alexandre Dumas classic.

According to Ms. Sylvia, the large production requires many of the dancers to multi-task and assume the roles of other characters. In addition to being Clara, Ms. Sylvia also plays the role of "Clara's Friend".

Although Ms. Sylvia has enjoyed her experience as the lead role in a high-profile ballet, this is the last year that she will be Clara. "Clara's supposed to be a young girl," said Ms. Sylvia, who thinks that she may be a little too old to play the role for a third year in a row. There are plenty of adult roles to grow into in *The Nutcracker* though, including the scenes in Act 2 when the Russian, Chinese, and Arabic dances are showcased.

For a full-time student, the rehearsal involved in the production has been tiring, with Ms. Sylvia averaging about 10 hours of practice each week on top of school until the performance. "I love doing it," Ms. Sylvia said. "I get exhausted, but it's worth it."

From here, Ms. Sylvia has a practical plan for the future – a plan that includes dancing, but doesn't necessarily rely on it. She will continue dancing professionally for the same company, and she hopes to get offered more core roles in major productions. In addition, she'll attend college and will pursue a side career of dancing while she earns a Bachelor's degree in Math.

The PPAC production of The Nutcracker will be evening engagements of December 11 at 7:30 pm, December 12 at 7:00 pm, and December 13 at 6:30 pm, and day performances on December 12 at 2:00 and December 13 at 1:00 pm. Tickets cost between $19 to $83. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit www.ppacri.org, or call 401-421-2787.



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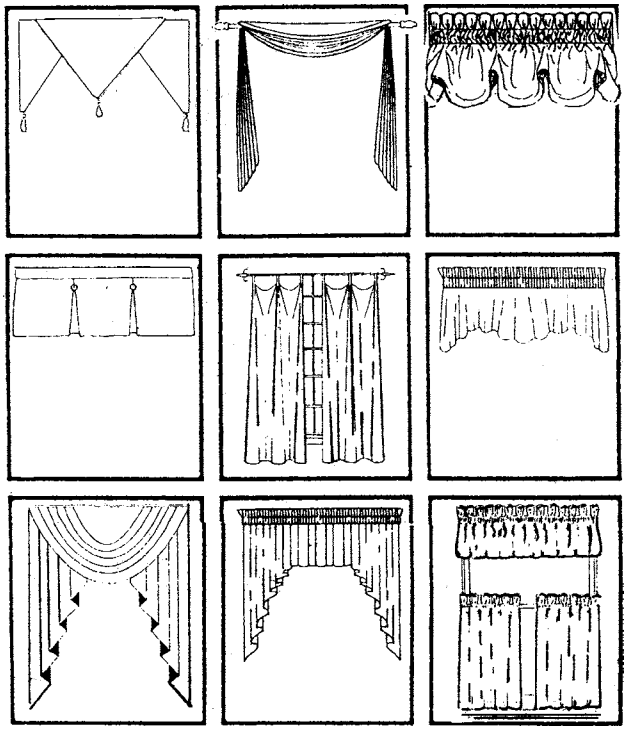
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Holiday Happenings



St. Anthony's and St. Rita's parishioners combined efforts to give the community a Christmas Holiday Shop and Celebration on Saturday, December 5, 2009. The basement of St. Anthony's church was decked out in snowflakes, wreaths, bells, bows, and a Santa sleigh. Santa listened patiently as children told him what they wanted for Christmas. A beautiful bake table tempted visitors with gooey confections and warm malasadas were enjoyed by all. Photos by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.















Children went to the Center School in Mattapoisett to make their own ornaments and gifts at the Relay for Life workshop on December 6, 2009. For a $6 donation, children could pick from crafts like pine cone Christmas trees, clothes-pin reindeer, and foam ornaments – paint, glitter and glue were in abundant supply. Money raised went to benefit the American Cancer Society. Photos by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.









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cantata presented at the First Congregational Church and in an effort to continue this endeavor we will have a special envelope for contributions to "The Cantata Fund" on December 13 offertory. These monies will help support next year's cantata and the music worship part of your Sunday services. We will also be offering a CD of this performance. CD orders must be in by December 13. Please don't wait till after the performance to order.

The Marion Congregational Church is located at 28 Main Street in Marion.

Old Colony Nature Photo Contest

The 2010 Green Fair to take place **March 20**, 2010 from 10:00 to 4:00 pm at Old Colony Vocational Technical High School in Rochester, sponsored by The Environmental Advocates for Massachusetts, Southeast (TEAMS) and the Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA), is having a photo contest. This year the winning photo will represent "Nature in Transition."

Were you ever inspired by that moment as a butterfly emerged from a cocoon? Or as the ice began to glaze over in a cranberry bog? Have you enjoyed migratory birds taking to the sky? Show us what natural events inspired you and share that with others!

The rules are simple: No more than two entries per person. Each entry must be an 8 x 10 photograph, un-framed and un-matted. Each entry should represent the theme of "Nature in Transition" and must be taken somewhere within Southeastern Massachusetts. Be sure to list your name, address, telephone number, email, where and when the photo was taken on the back of your photo. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to allow TEAMS to reserve the right to use any and all contest entries for educational and promotional purposes only.

Entries must be submitted between **January 4** through the deadline of **March 3**, 2010. You may mail your photograph to TEAMS, PO Box 898, Lakeville, MA 02347. Drop off locations will be available by January 4. If you are mailing your entry, we recommend you protect the photo(s). Photos will not be returned.

The winning photo will be displayed prominently at the Green Fair on Saturday, March 20, 2010 between 10 and 4:00 pm. If you have any questions about the contest, please email TEAMS at teams-info@hotmail.com or check out our website at www.teams-on-web.org.

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Holiday Happenings



Rochester held its annual tree lighting on Monday, December 7, 2009 at Rochester Town Hall. Visitors were treated to the sounds of the Rochester Memorial School band and chorus before the tree was lit. Santa made a grand entrance on a fire truck. Photos by Felix Perez.



Santa's special appearance on a fire truck was the highlight of the night for many of the younger visitors.









Cookies, eggnog and cider awaited visitors

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Mattapoisett YMCA Special Events

• Friday, **December 11** – Games Galore Kid's Night Out, 6:15 to 9:15 pm. We will be outside playing games tonight. Come prepared to be outside as we will be coming inside only for dinner! Members $10, General Public $12.

• Saturday, **December 12** – Breakfast with Santa, 9:00 to 11:30 am. Bring your family and enjoy a pancake breakfast, photo with Santa and a holiday craft. Members and General Public: $5 per person.

• Friday, **December 18** – Snowflakes Everywhere Kid's Night Out, 6:15 to 9:15 pm. Snowflakes are the theme of the night! Crafts and games will all have to do with that excellent form of precipitation. Come prepared to be outside and inside. Members $10, General Public $12.

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• December School Vacation Dates: **December 23 and 28 – 30**. **December 24 and 31** are half days.

Tri-Town Business Association

The Tri-Town Business Association will hold its monthly meeting on **December 16**, 2009, at the Fellowship Hall, located behind the First Congregational Church, 11

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Movie Review

New Lt.

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***Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans.* Starring Nicolas Cage and Eva Mendes. Directed by Werner Herzog. Running time: 122 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

There are a host of scaly, slimy critters in *Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans* — snakes, gators, iguanas — and after a while we get the idea: The movie is about the lizard brain, the atavistic area of the mind that wants, hates, fears. The bad lieutenant in question is Terence McDonagh (Nicolas Cage), a reptile on two feet, ravenously snorting and smoking various iterations of cocaine. McDonagh does this to kill the pain in his back, which he injured while saving a prisoner from a flooded jail cell in the days after Hurricane Katrina. The New Orleans of the movie is a gray and blasted place, perfect stomping grounds for the beige-suited McDonagh, who takes advantage of the chaos to feed his demons.

None of this, though, prepares us for how funny *Bad Lieutenant* is. There was another movie by that title, from 1992, with Harvey Keitel as a soul-sick lapsed-Catholic cop confronting his own faith while trying to catch two guys who raped a nun. Keitel was a howling bulldog, drugging himself into quiet oblivion. This *Bad Lieutenant* is not a remake; it simply uses the title and the basic theme of a cop lost in addiction and corruption. The legendary director Werner Herzog, perhaps best known recently for *Grizzly Man* and *Rescue Dawn,* has always been preoccupied by obsession, exalted or ecstatic states of mind. McDonagh, getting high, has visions of iguanas, football players with antlers, and so on. If anything, his drug abuse makes him a better detective, since it frees him to make connections that sane people miss. He's a bit like Sherlock Holmes, who also liked to indulge in a sniff of powder, except McDonagh is his own Moriarty.

The official plot has McDonagh trying to get to the bottom of the murders of local African drug dealers. He also has a prostitute girlfriend (Eva Mendes) and a gambling habit (Brad Dourif is his bookie, indulgent up to a point). But most of *Bad Lieutenant* is a study *in extremis*. Herzog has obviously given Nicolas Cage permission to try anything, and Cage responds with an overwrought jazz riff of a performance, abstract and near-geometrical. (In agony from his compressed spine, McDonagh always stands and walks askew, a parallelogram pumped full of poison and pain.) If Keitel was a seething, ticking time bomb, Cage goes all the way into rage and hysteria. The weird thing is that McDonagh's partner (Val Kilmer) might be an even dirtier cop than he is, but since Kilmer doesn't rhapsodize about touchdown-scoring elks, nobody's watching him.

As usual, Herzog works the madness for any poetry he can find, as in the much-quoted scene in which McDonagh says of a just-killed criminal, "Shoot him again — his soul's still dancing," and sure enough, the soul is break-dancing to harmonica music from Herzog's *Stroszek*. On one level, the movie shows what happens when you hire the director of *Fitzcarraldo* to make a police procedural: Herzog couldn't make a mainstream movie if you held a gun to his head. And in Cage, Herzog has found his lizard king, beginning the movie by jumping into snake-infested water and ending it leaning against a shark tank. By that point, life has improved externally for McDonagh (there's a late scene that plays like McDonagh's wishful daydream but is, hilariously, real), but he's stuck with the same sharp-fanged amygdala, forever wanting and hating and fearing.

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Tri-Town Business Association meetings begin at 8:00 and end at 9:00 am. Members and guests are invited to join us for coffee and pastries at 7:45 am on Wednesday, December 16.

Members are asked to bring items suitable for the "care packages" being sent to our troops. Tri-Town member Ron Ellis and the Boy Scouts have been involved with this drive for several years.

For further information, contact Bruce Kaiser, Business Manager at Old Colony at 508-763-8011, Pat Shea at 508-748-2689, or Bev Pierce at 508-763-5503 – or just show up at the meeting!

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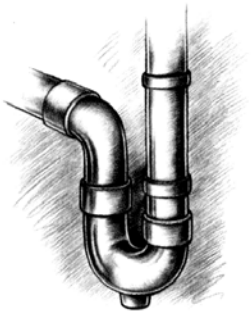
ORRHS 1997 and 1998 Graduates

Student Temporary Records for 1997 and 1998 Old Rochester Regional High School graduates are available for pick up until **December 15**, 2009.

After December 15, 2009, ORRHS will begin destroying the temporary records of students who either graduated or withdrew from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1997 and 1998. Transcripts are kept on file for 60 years. To pick up records, please call 508-758-3745 x 1424

Friends of ORR Drama Present Concert

Ornament, Southern New England's Premier Rock Orchestra, will present a concert entitled "A Tribute to the Trans Siberian Orchestra" in the main auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett on Friday, **December 11**, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The concert is



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Log highlights November 29-December 5
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•Hermitage Rd – Animal complaint
•Point Rd – Family disturbance
•Pleasant St – General service
•Spring St – Fire alarm
•Green St – Officer wanted
•Front St – MVA/property
•South St – Health/welfare
•Pitcher St. – Fire alarm
•West Ave – Medical emergency
•Barros Dr – Motor vehicle stop
•Allen's Point Rd – Lost property
•Wareham Rd – General service
•Abel's Way – Motor vehicle stop
•Bay Rd – Medical emergency
•Front St – Parking violation
•Wareham Rd – Disturbance
•Point Rd – Use w/o authority
•Mill St – Disturbance/family
•Rezendes Ter – Animal complaint
•Brookhaven Ln – Vandalism/past
•Delano Rd – Fire alarm
•Dexter Ln – Suspicious person
•Rte 195 east – MVA/property
•Indian Cove Rd – Suspicious motor vehicle
•County Rd – A & B/dangerous weapon
•Mill St – Officer wanted
•Delano Rd – Structure fire
•Joanne Dr – General service
•Cranberry Way – Medical emergency

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights November 29-December 5
•Marion Rd – Health/welfare
•Euclid Ave – General service
•Crystal Spring Rd – Suspicious persons
•County Rd – Medical/mental health
•Wolf Island Rd – MV crash
•Driscoll Ln- Fire, structure
•County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
•Park Pl – Suspicious other
•Prospect Rd – Animal control
•Knollwood Dr – Gunshots reported
•North St – Alarm, fire
•Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
•Euclid Ave – Assist citizen
•Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
•Shaw St – Gunshots reported
•Hiawatha Way – MV-general repossessed
•Barstow St – General service
•Park St – 911 call
•Euclid Ave – Complaint
•Harbor Acres Ln – 911 call
•Bowman Rd – Suspicious other
•Beech Wood Rd – Fire, other
•Marina Rd – Ambulance request
•County Rd – Fire, alarm
•Randall Rd – Alarm, burglar
•Perry Ave – Gunshots reported
•Mill St – Assist other agency
•Prospect Rd – Disabled MV
•Hiawatha Rd – General service
•Angelica Ave – Health/welfare

ROCHESTER
Log highlights November 29 – December 7
•County Rd – Ambulance request
•Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
•Hiller Rd – Noise complaint
•Wolf Island Rd – Assist other agency
•North Ave – Complaint
•Jason's Ln – Alarm, burglar
•Nathaniel's Dr – Suspicious MV
•Dexter Ln – Annoying phone calls
•Bisbee Dr – Carbon monoxide alarm
•Neck Rd – Complaint
•High St – Motor vehicle stop
•North Ave – Highway matter
•Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
•Clapp Rd – Complaint
•Noble Rd – Warrant arrest
•Springwood Dr – Officer wanted
•Gerrish Rd – Suspicious MV
•Alley Rd – Disturbance
•Hartley Rd – Ambulance request
•Vaughn Hill Rd – Highway matter
•High St – 911 abandoned
•Allen Rd – Animal control
•Pine St – Ambulance request
•Edwards Lane – Animal control
•Hartley Rd – Information only
•Walnut Plain Rd – General services
•Neck Rd – Animal control
•Dexter Ln – Assist other agency
•Springwood Dr – Alarm, burglar
•Pine St – Information only

Local Lunch Menus



COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday Dec 14: Spaghetti & meatballs, Italian blend veg, fruit muffin, mixed fruit
Tuesday Dec 15: Beef stew w/vegetables, whole boiled potatoes, dinner roll, peaches
Wednesday Dec 16: High Sodium-Fish cakes, veggie baked beans, Scandinavian blend veg, whole wheat bread, orange
Thursday Dec 17Boneless chicken supreme, red bliss potatoes, roman blend veg, QB roll, pie, Diet: graham waffle
Friday Dec 18: Stuffed cabbage, whipped potato, multi grain roll, pudding, Diet: sugar free pudding

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS CENTER SCHOOL
Monday Dec 14: Chicken or cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 15: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 16: Spaghetti w/wo meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, choice of milk, Chocolate covered ice cream
Thursday Dec 17: Chicken patty on roll, fries vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 18: Sal's pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday Dec 14: Chicken or cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 15: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 16: Spaghetti w/wo meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, choice of milk, Chocolate covered ice cream
Thursday Dec 17: Turkey, gravy, mashed potato, stuffing, cranberry sauce, roll, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 18: Sal's pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
Monday Dec 14: Chicken patty on a roll, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 15: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 16: Spaghetti w/wo meatballs, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Dec 17: Turkey tenders, mashed potato, stuffing, roll, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 18: Sal's pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL
Monday Dec 14: Cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 15: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, baked chips, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 16: Turkey w/gravy, mashed potato, cranberry sauce, fruit, choice of milk, Chocolate covered ice cream
Thursday Dec 17: Ravioli, vegetable, bread stick, choice of milk
Friday Dec 18: Sal's pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION
Monday Dec 14: Cheese or chicken quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Dec 15: Hamburger w/wo cheese on a bun, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Dec 16: Spaghetti w/wo meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk, chocolate covered ice cream
Thursday Dec 17: Turkey w/gravy, mashed potato, stuffing, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Dec 18: Sal's pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL
Monday Dec 14: Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, chips, peas, pears
Tuesday Dec 15: Waffles, sausage, hash browns, strawberries
Wednesday Dec 16: Sloppy Joe, rice, green beans, mixed fruit
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In the spirit of that season, the concert will help raise funds for the drama department at ORR. The Ornament concert will begin at 7:00 pm, with doors opening at 6:30 pm. Tickets are $10 per person. Advance tickets can be purchased by calling 508-789-6625 or by email at brobin23@aol.com. For more info or ticket sales, please visit the Ornament website at www.ornamentband.com.

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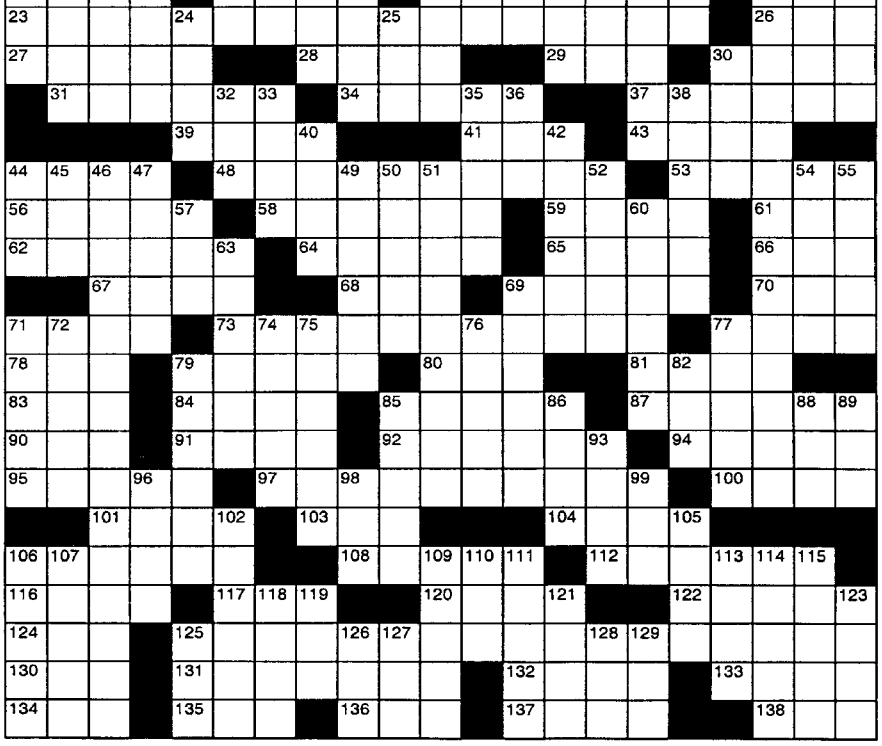
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86 "— forgive those . . ."
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89 Tie the knot
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96 Keen
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99 Puppy bark
102 Smoothly, to Schubert
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106 Beyond zealous
107 Stomach
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110 Campbell of UB40
111 Gate feature
113 Interstate exit
114 Cutter kin
115 Rush to the judge
118 With 41 Across, summer quencher
119 Officer's appellation
121 Andrew of "Melrose Place"
123 Don Juan's mom
125 Fix a fight
126 Velvet feature
127 Former Pontiac model
128 — -la-la
129 "Tell — About It" ('83 song)



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use that Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to take it on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings don't interfere with the more pragmatic matters you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore those doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. A weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap -- yet. You might still have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide that much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up. That unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult. But the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your pre-holiday scheduling. Try to give time both to your workday responsibilities and those personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about that painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including that personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to hope.

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Marion Natural Museum Holiday Party

• The Marion Natural History Museum's lego/robotics club is meeting Saturday, **December 12** from 10 - 11:30. Volunteers will be helping you and your child attempt to build and program a robot. There is an annual charge of $25.00 for batteries and we ask that parents stick around to help out. Come create something new with legos!

• The Marion Natural History Museum is hosting its annual holiday party on Wednesday, **December 16** from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. There will be refreshments and crafts on hand to help us get into the holiday mood. This event is free and open to the public so please join us! See you then!

The Marion Natural History Museum is located at 8 Spring Street above the library.

The Holiday Party will be held at the museum, located above the Elizabeth Taber Library, 7 Spring Street, Marion, Mass. From 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Cost for all but the



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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1400 submitted by BRIAN DUPRAS for the following work at 993 Point Road (Lot 11D on Marion Assessors' Map 10): (1) convert the existing dwelling into a garage; (2) construct a new single-family dwelling with a porch and deck; (3) extend the driveway; and (4) grade, loam and seed the disturbed areas. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
The Mattapoisett Board of Assessors along with the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on December 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Assessors Office at the Town Hall. The purpose of the hearing is the allocation of local property tax levy among the five property classes for the tax year 2010. However, if the State has not cerfitifed the values at this time the meeting will be rescheduled. Interested tax payers may present oral or written comments on their views at this time.
Donald Fleming, Chairman
Rebecca McCullough
Lynn Sylvia 12/03, 12/10

LEGAL NOTICEROAD CLOSING
The owners of Old Wood Road and Harbor Acres Lane, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts will close these private roads to public traffic on Dec 14, 2009.
William Mansfield
Leona Mansfield, Owners 12/03, 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2010 Community Preservation Plan.
Loretta B. Schaefer, Chairman 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1401 submitted by MARK BROWN to construct a building addition and stormwater management systems at 15 Holly Lane, further identified as Lots 226 and 227 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Norman A. Hills, Chairman 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION
SITE ADDRESS: 51 COUNTY ROAD
MATTAPOISETT, MA 02739
MADEP RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER
4-20186

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.1073), a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on a portion of the above property has been recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds on December 4, 2009.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will limit the following site activities and uses on the portion of the above property:

-Industrial, commercial, residential, school, daycare facility and/or other activities and uses including recreational and playground activities and uses, which would result in direct contact with soils below the geotextile marker barrier, at depths greater than three feet below the ground surface within the landscaped or unpaved areas on the portion of the Property, or soils located more than six inches beneath paved areas of the portion of the Property, and

-Any activity such as excavation which may disturb areas beneath the geotextile marker barrier or three feet below the ground surface within the landscaped or unpaved areas of the portion of the Property or soils located more than six inches beneath paved areas of the portion of the Property without prior development and implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and a Soil Management Plan.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information or reviewing the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file may contact Mr. Bob McGann, K.T. Associates, 14 Howard Street, Rockland, MA 02370 at (781) 878-8210. 12/10

LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING

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Sunday Dec. 13, 2009
6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicles
Noon – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
12:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:30 PM - Community Announcements
7:00 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Presents
11:00 PM - Explore
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday Dec. 14, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Our Time is NOW
10:00 AM – Arts and Ideas
10:30 AM – Second Act
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Sharing Miracles
8:30 PM – Physician's Focus
9:30 PM – Around BCC
10:00 PM – Smart Boating
10:30 PM – Life Matters
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday Dec. 15, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Seniors on the Move
10:30 AM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Community Announcements
4:30 PM – Senior Scene
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
7:00 PM – HomeFront
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM – Community Announcements
11:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Wednesday Dec. 16, 2009
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:30 AM – Cooking With Marie
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM - New England Jobs Show
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
5:00 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
5:30 PM – Second Act TV
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – White House Chronicle
7:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
8:00 PM – Midweek Politics with David Pakman
9:00 PM - I Believe TV – A Program for People with Disabilities
9:30 PM – Sharing Miracles
10:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Thursday Dec. 17, 2008
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Community Announcements
10:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
10:30 AM - Homefront
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – LOWV Healthcare Forum
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – The Rock Star Stories
11:30 PM – Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Dec. 18, 2008
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM – Green By Design
10:30 AM – Healthwise Alternatives
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:30 PM - New England Jobs Show
4:00 PM – I Believe TV – A Program for People with Disabilities
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Homefront
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
10:00 PM – Ampersand
11:00 PM – Around BCC
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Saturday Dec. 19, 2008
8:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Explore New England
11:30 AM – Kids a Cookin'
Noon – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
12:30 PM – Around BCC
1:00 PM – New England Daycations
1:30 PM – U-Mass Dartmouth Sports
3:00 PM – LOWV Healthcare Forum
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – The Rock Star Stories
11:30 PM – Conn Jackson
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Saturday Fright Special

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule

8:30 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule

9:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
10:30 AM - Rochester COA Bags Program
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
4:30 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
5:45 PM - Rochester COA Bags Program
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule

9:00 AM – ORRHS Honor Bowl
10:00 AM – OHS 2009 Sixth Grade Graduation Ceremony
11:00 AM – OHS Sixth Grade – World Drumming
11:30 AM – ORRHS 2009 Homecoming Skits
2:00 PM - RMS - Science Lab Studies
3:00 PM – OHS Sixth Grade – World Drumming
5:00 PM – ORRHS Volleyball vs. Apponequet HS
6:30 PM – OHS 2009 Sixth Grade Graduation Ceremony
7:30 PM – ORRHS Video Journalism Class Projects/PSA
9:00 PM – ORRHS 2009 Homecoming Skits
10:00 PM - RMS - Science Lab Studies

Rocket program ($20.00) and the holiday party (Free) is $4 for members, $6 for non-members.

North Rochester Congregational Church

The North Rochester Congregational Church located at 247 North Avenue is an independent church and welcomes everyone to worship at 10:00 am every Sunday. The pulpit is filled by volunteers from the congregation or guest speakers. Nancy Sparklin is in charge of the music, assisted by Charles Chace.

On the second Sunday of the month, following the service, everyone is invited to join together for food and fellowship at a brunch prepared by the members of the Congregation. The church is handicap-accessible. For more information on special events or changes to the schedule, please call Barbara Besse at 508-763-8838. Please note: the church is not UCC affiliated.

• **Lessons and Carols** – The North Rochester Congregational Church members welcome everyone to an evening of Lessons and Carols on **December 20** at 7:00 pm at the church, which is located at 247 North Avenue. Refreshments will be served. Also, anyone wishing to join the choir that evening is invited to attend the rehearsal on Thursday, **December 17** at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming speakers are:

December 13 - Reverend Dr. Kathy Gayoski - Brunch

December 20 - Lessons and Carols at 7:00 pm (no morning service)

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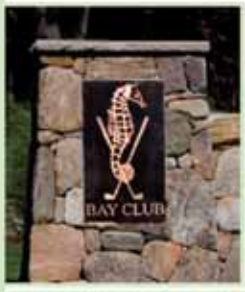
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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a pubic hearing on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by the Cosgrove Family Nominee Trust.

The Applicant proposes to construct various addisiton on the westerly side of the dwelling. The additions will consist of the construction of a 24'x28' attached 2-story garage, 12'x17' mudroom, 6'x12' front porch, 12'x28' rear deck and associated steps. The existing gravel driveway will be extended southerly to the garage entrance. The construction of the additions will require the removal of the existing front proch and rear steps.
The work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage but outside the 100ft Buffer Zone of any coastal wetland resources areas.

The project is located at 5 Nashawena Road and is identifed as Lot #141 on Mattapoisett Assessor Map #15A.
Conservation Commission 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 7:05 pm in the first floor Conference Room of Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 upon the application for a transfer of liquor license from Cathay Temple Restaurant Inc. 24 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA to Ying Dynasty of Mattapoisett , Inc. d/b/a Ying Dynasty II, 24 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA for an all alcohol liquor license. Anyone wishing to make comment may do so by attending this public meeting.
Jordan C. Collyer, Chairman
Paul A. Silva, Vice Chairman
George Randall, Clerk 12/03, 12/10

LEGAL NOTICE
ROAD CLOSURE
Antassawamock Club, Inc., Mattapoisett, Massachusetts will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 16, 2009.
Signed:
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Eve Stoebel, Clerk 12/03, 12/10

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December 27 - To Be Announced

Senior Stretch and Exercise

The Senior Stretch and Exercise meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, at the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall in Marion. The cost for the 10-week session is $45 for three days a week. The first class is free, and you may join a session at anytime. Those who start the 4th or 5th week, pay $32; those who start the 6 - 10th week pay $25. Each class includes low-impact aerobics, weights and stretching appropriate for all fitness levels. The funding is provided by the Friends of the Marion Visiting Nurses.

The instructor is Karen Corcoran who is certified as a "Specialist in Fitness for Older Adults" and is CPR and AED certified. Karen designs a new program for each 10-week session combining cardiovascular, strength training, flexibility, and balance exercises. Contact Karen Corcoran at 508-295-1567 with any questions.

Mattapoisett Lion Toy Drive

In order to accommodate the increasing number of event request listings on our bulletin board on the corner of Route 6 and North Street, all requests must be submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the event and send to Mattapoisett Lions Club, P.O. Box 1022 Mattapoisett, Ma 02739.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

• **Holiday Hours** – The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will be open the following hours during the holidays: **December 24** 10:00 to Noon, **December 25** Closed, **December 26** open at 10:00 am, **December 31** 10:00 to Noon, **January 1** Closed, **January 2** open at 10:00 am.

• **Food for Fines –** During the month of December, library patrons are encouraged to bring in non-perishables for current late materials rather than paying an overdue fine. In the spirit of the season, the library staff and the Friends are together launching this effort to add more food to the shelves of the local food pantries. Containers for canned goods, etc, are on both levels of



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Remember to check The Wanderer each week so you will know who to wish a "Happy Birthday!"

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by Linda Thistle

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• **Holiday Reading Suggestions** – Interested in a Christmas read or looking for suggestions for book gifts for folks on your gift list? Ask the library staff at the Circulation Desk for a free copy of Book Page, and the prepared list of books set in a holiday setting.

• **Author of *BirdTalk* Presentation** – Alan Powers, author of *BirdTalk* and a professor of English at Bristol Community College, will present a program on the conversation with winter birds on Thursday, **January 28** at 7:00 pm. Mr. Powers will discuss his "listening, watching, and replying to birds" as detailed in his entertaining and informative book subtitled *Conversations with Birds*. This program is co-sponsored with the library and the Naskatucket Bird Club. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

• **Make A Holiday Craft at the Library** – Take a moment from the busy season to enjoy the library with a child. Children are welcome to come in Saturday, **December 19** from 10:30 until noon with an adult or big brother or sister to make a seaside holiday ornament to celebrate the season. The library staff will provide all materials. Join us for a festive morning and take home a

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7	6	4	5	9	2	3	1	8
6	5	7	8	1	3	4	2	9
2	9	3	6	4	5	1	8	7
4	8	1	9	2	7	6	3	5

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• **Storytimes for the New Year** – The next story time series will begin **January 12**. Registration will begin January 2 and spaces will be filled on a first come basis. Please call the Children's Department for more details at 508-758-4171.

• **Research Those Holiday Purchases** – Good consumers do their homework! With your Mattapoisett library card, you can log on to the library's website and into the Consumer Reports database to search articles on all reviewed items. You can also review charts that compare products. Go to www.mattapoisettlibrary.org. Click on Consumer Reports and Home Reference Center on the homepage. Enter your patron ID from the back of your library card, click log in, and then select the database you wish to use. Feel free to call the library staff 508-758-4171 for assistance or stop in and use a library computer with our help.

• **MFPL Book Discussion Group** – The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Book Discussion Group will be held Saturday, January 9 at 2:00 pm. The title to be discussed is *E. B White* by Scott Elledge. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the lively discussion of this interesting man of letters. Copies of the biography can be placed on hold through the SAILS catalog. Please ask the library staff if you need assistance reserving a copy.

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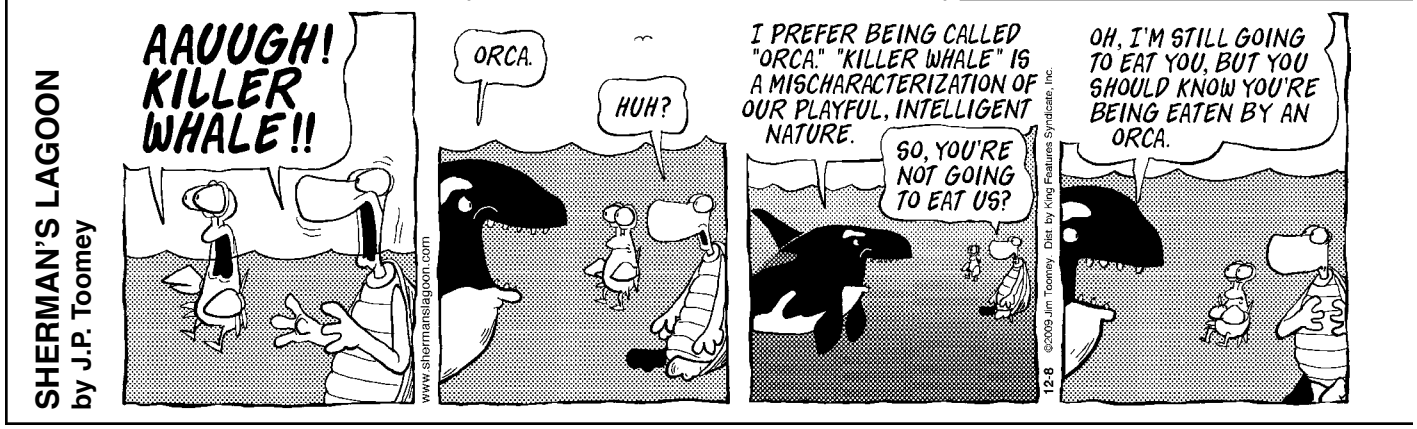
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• **Winter Programs 2010** – Every day during the winter has Drop-In Crafts in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

• **Tales for Twos** – An 8-week series of story times for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months runs from **January 6** through **February 24**, 2010. The half-hour of stories, finger plays and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2010 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

• **Story Time** – A story time for children between the ages of 3 and 5 begins **January 4** and runs through the week of February 15, 2010. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger plays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:30. Pre-registration is required.

• **Lap-Sit** – A program for babies from birth through 23 months and their caregivers, begins **January 5** and runs through **February 23**, 2010. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 and includes a 20-minute "story time" followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per lap, please.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/Marion.

Plumb Library Events

• **Senior Open House Tea** – On Friday, **December 11** from 2:30 - 3:30 pm, there will be a Senior Open House Tea at the Library for all Rochester seniors. You can get acquainted, or re-acquainted, with the library, meet the staff, get a library card, and learn more about your town's library. Transportation will be provided by the Council on Aging.

• **Café Parlez** – The Café Parlez book discussion group will end the year with a discussion of Stuart O'Nan's *Last Night at the Lobster* on Monday, **December 28** at 6:30 pm. Books will be available at the desk. Be sure to join us in 2010 for "Cafe Parlez Goes to the Movies", where we will read books that were made into popular movies. The "Just the Facts" nonfiction book group will take a break for December.

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Local Tides

Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
December 10:	Thurs.	2:18	2:42	9:01	8:58
December 11:	Fri.	3:18	3:43	10:02	9:41
December 12:	Sat.	4:18	4:42	10:51	10:18
December 13:	Sun.	5:13	5:35	11:34	10:55
December 14:	Mon.	6:03	6:23	11:59	11:33
December 15:	Tues.	6:49	7:07	. . .	12:36
December 16:	Wed.	7:32	7:49	12:14	1:22
December 17:	Thurs.	8:13	8:30	12:57	1:58
December 18:	Fri.	8:53	9:11	1:40	2:34
December 19:	Sat.	9:32	9:52	2:23	3:11
December 20:	Sun.	10:11	10:33	3:06	3:48
December 21:	Mon.	10:51	11:15	3:49	4:25
December 22:	Tues.	11:31	11:56	4:33	5:04
December 23:	Wed.	. . .	12:13	5:21	5:47
December 24:	Thurs.	12:40	12:59	6:19	6:39
December 25:	Fri.	1:26	1:50	7:33	7:35
December 26:	Sat.	2:18	2:47	8:49	8:33
December 27:	Sun.	3:16	3:49	9:51	9:26

Phases of the Moon		
	New Moon	December 16th
	First Quarter	December 24th
	Full Moon	December 31st
	Last Quarter	January 7th

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